





## NOTICES.

## LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS  
AND SURVEYORS.

## Public Auctions.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY August 22, 1921,  
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at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.A Quantity of  
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Hongkong, August 19, 1921.

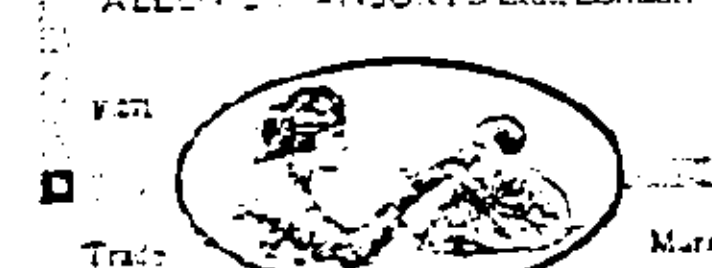


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Level and quantity of water in reservoirs on the late SIEN TING, 1921.

CITY AND DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1921.	1920.
City Reservoir	100.00
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Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.

1921.	1920.
City Reservoir	100.00
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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1921.	1920.
City Reservoir	100.00
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Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.

1921.	1920.
City Reservoir	100.00
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## POPE'S SECLUSION.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITALIAN  
CABINET.

A MEANS TO LEAVE THE VATICAN.

The celebrated "Roman Question" may shortly be solved. Negotiations are on foot between the Vatican and the Italian Government for the purpose of closing the breach between them, enabling Italy to appoint a Minister to the Vatican, and thereby making it possible for the Pope to end his self-imposed seclusion in the Vatican and move freely about the streets of Rome or wherever he will.

For 52 years no Pope has left the Vatican and Saint Peter's, and even the bodies of Leo XIII and Pius X. await reinterment in the tombs they have designated in other basilicas.

Before Italy was unified, Rome was the capital of the Papal States and the Pope the temporal ruler of some three million subjects. Pius IX. retired to the Vatican when the troops of Victor Emmanuel II. took the Eternal City, and neither he nor subsequent pontiffs ever recognised the Kingdom of Italy on former Papal soil. But the present Pope, Benedict XV., like his predecessor Pius X., has long wished to end the anomalous position now obtaining. His desire is shared by King Victor Emmanuel. The ex-Foreign Minister, Baron Sonnino, never cared for reconciliation, or at least for it upon lines acceptable to the Vatican, and during his tenure of office nothing could be done. But the last and the present Italian Cabinets hold different views. Signor Boselli, the new Premier, has not appointed a professing Catholic Minister of Public Worship for nothing.

Under a plan which is being considered the Pope would recognise the King of Italy as Sovereign of Rome, and all former Papal dominions save a certain portion of the city which would become absolute Pontifical territory. Under the "Law of Guarantees" passed in 1870 the Italian Government allows the Pope full "enjoyment" of the Vatican and some other palaces. These would constitute a separate territory, like the Republic of San Marino, in Italy.

It has been proposed that about 10,000 acres of not very productive farming land in the Monte Mario district should be expropriated and added to the Papal dominions. This would enable the Holy See to accommodate its frequent Cardinals of the Curia and many prelates and members of the Court who now live in various corners of Rome.

Under the new territory, too, would be placed the Legations, or at least the offices of the Legations, attached to the Holy See. The various Ministers at present have their offices on

## PREFECT'S ADVENTURE.

MIDNIGHT TRAGI-COMEDY ON  
THE BANKS OF THE SEINE.

M. Leullier, the new Police Prefect of Paris, who, with little experience of the capital, has adopted the methods of Haroun-al-Rashid in order to learn its ways, is finding that his noctambulism is bringing adventures with it.

At midnight the other night, when he was crossing the Louis Philippe Bridge, he saw a girl throw herself from the parapet. He made a dash for the river side, taking off his coat as he ran, but was outdistanced by a youth, who threw off his shoes and dived.

The girl was brought out, but sprang into the water again, and was rescued once more. The Prefect helped to bring her ashore, being let down into the water by spectators, who held his feet while he got his arms round the girl and her rescuer. The latter was almost exhausted.

A crowd had by this time collected, two police cyclists arrived, and took the girl between them, and insisted that all witnesses should accompany them to the station. There, after the would-be suicide had given her name and address, her rescuer was asked for his. He gave them, and then complained that someone had stolen his boots.

"Do you suspect anybody?" he was asked. All eyes were turned towards M. Leullier, and when the rescuer remained silent, an inspector asked the Prefect sharply: "Who are you?"

M. Leullier gave his name. "No papers, I suppose?" asked the inspector.

"Oh, yes, here they are," was the answer. "I'm Prefect of Police." In the general astonishment the hero escaped after a comforting word to the rescued girl, but not before M. Leullier had given him a hundred francs for a new pair of boots.

Italian soil. Wireless apparatus might be installed to allow the Pope free communication with the outer world.

The first event to follow such an arrangement might be a state visit of the King of Italy to the Pope, following which there would be the magnificent spectacle of a state visit by the Pope to the Quirinal, or King's palace.

HOW THE POPE LIVES.  
At present Benedict XV. finds his only exercise and diversion in strolling around the enclosed grounds of the Vatican and in an occasional drive in a plain brougham, which the grounds he vast enough to permit. It is curious for him to contemplate the splendid state carriage of his predecessors, and even the Papal train specially built for Pius IX. in which he made only two or three journeys before his death. In the walls of Porta Pia ended his sovereignty in 1870.

## THE KING'S PATH.

STREWN WITH ROSE LEAVES.

QUAINT CEREMONIES.

The King landed at Guernsey as the Duke of Normandy. He was so addressed in the official documents, and in that capacity the royal field-holders knelt before him, "placed their hands between the Duke's hands, and swore themselves his man," in exactly the same manner, and in precisely the same formula, as their ancestors swore fealty to William the Conqueror on the eve of the Norman invasion.

This picturesque ceremony took place in St. George's Hall. The field-holders (holders of estates which involve the relation of lord and vassal) made their declaration of "faith and homage" in Norman-French and the King signified his acceptance in the same language, the King reading the words from a little card held for him by the Queen.

One woman tendered his Majesty a pair of gilt spurs on a crimson cushion. The King touched the spurs returned them to the woman, and her tenure of her estates was renewed.

Previous to their arrival at St. George's Hall an official intimated that "as their Majesties proceed up the hall all gentlemen must bow and all ladies must hush." As a finale to the ceremonies inside the hall the King knighted Mr. E. C. Osanne, the Bailiff of Guernsey, and decorated some of the other officials.

At Cambridge Park little girls strewn rose leaves thickly on the ground in front of their Majesties, and in a visit to Les Islets Arsenal to inspect specimens of Guernsey cattle an animal was shown to the King which is claimed to be the most valuable Guernsey cow in the world—an animal which produces a ton of butter per year. Before he left, a valuable Guernsey cow was presented to him by the local agricultural society.

The King and Queen and Princess Mary had tea with the Bailiff, Mr. E. C. Osanne, the hereditary third cup bearer, Sir Haviland de Saumarez and Dame Annie de Saumarez personally handing the cups to the King and Queen.

The whole island made holiday to welcome the King and Queen and Princess Mary, and in country places even the sick were carried out in their beds to the roadside to see the royal visitors pass.

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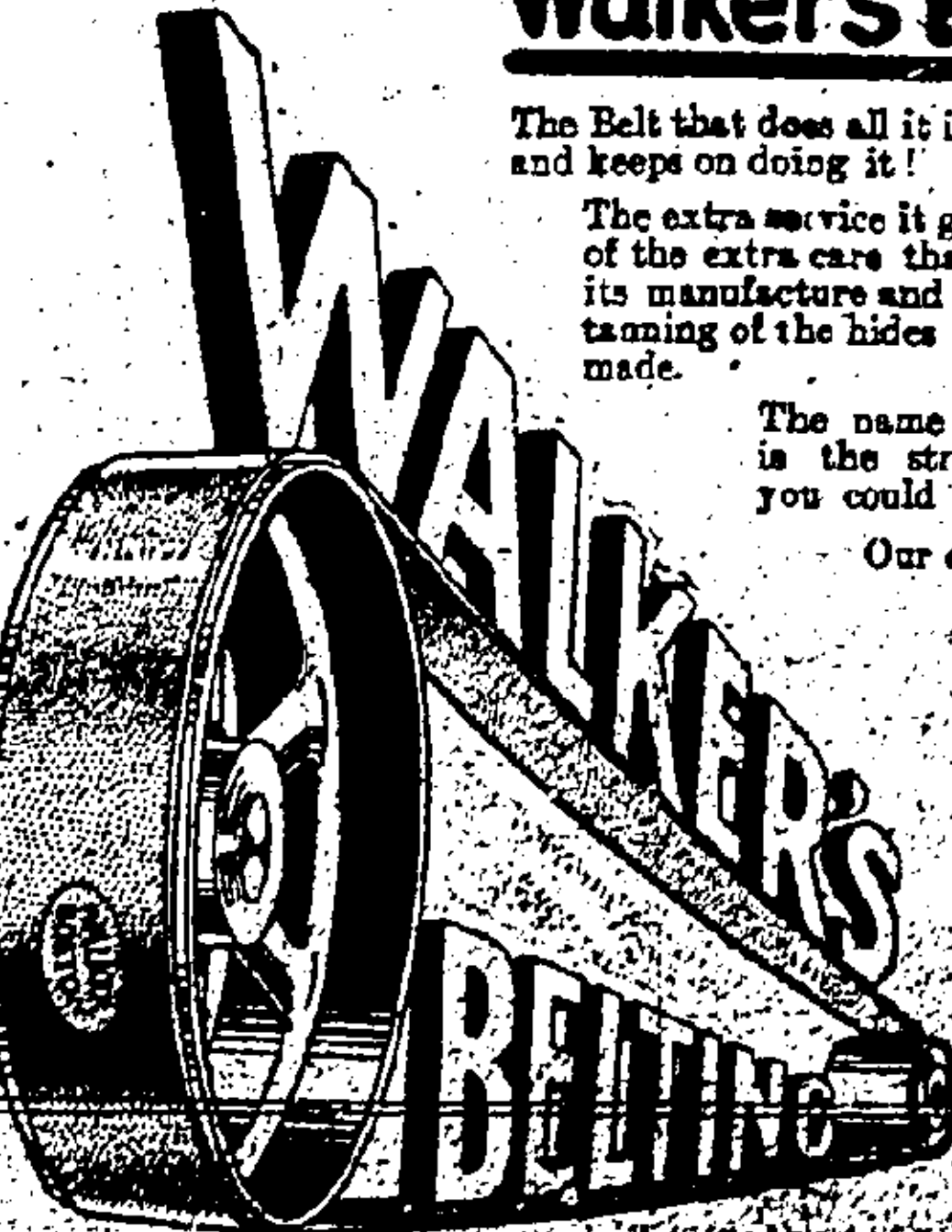
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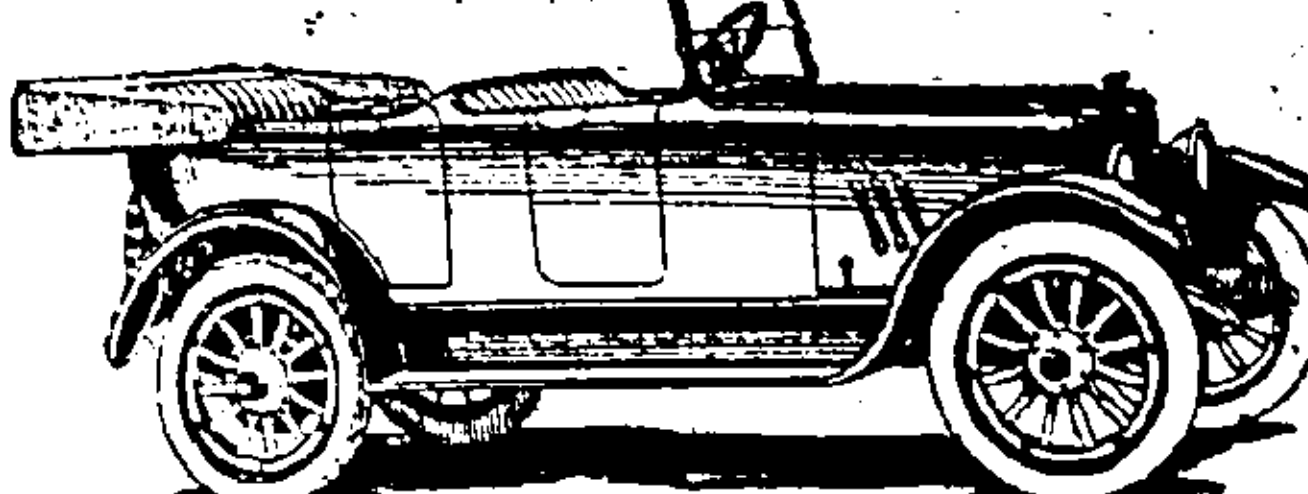








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(China Mail Special.)

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18.  
The Japanese warships "Katori" and "Kashima" with the Japanese Crown Prince arrived here this morning and proceeded eastwards a few hours later, the Prince not landing.

[A China Mail reporter learned from the local Japanese Consulate this morning that the Crown Prince will not call at Hongkong on the return voyage, sailing from Singapore to Yokohama direct.]

TLS. 50,000 BETTER.

FLEMING SUES BANK FOR DEFAMATION.

(China Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, Aug. 19.  
W. S. Fleming, the American attorney, has filed answers to the petition of the Philippine National Bank who claim Tls. 600,000 for breach of confidence. Fleming counter claims for defamation, demanding damages amounting to Tls. 650,000.

AN R.A.F. SECRET.

THE SWIFTEST AERIAL FIGHTER DESIGNED.

Visitors to the Aerial Pageant at Hendon saw in flight and battle a secret product of the R.A.F., the last word in aeroplanes built for speed and destruction. Designed during the last stages of the war, but not completed until after the Armistice its fighting power was never actually tested, but it is known to be fast enough to overtake the fastest machines that ever appeared in the war.

It was put through its final tests before dispatch to Hendon, where this "mystery" machine, christened the "Night Hawk," will be seen by the public for the first time. Everything in the machine has been sacrificed to speed. Its narrow wings make it look frail, but there is immense engine-power in its snub nose, and when it took the air its possibilities became startling. With an extraordinarily short run, the little machine leaped into the air and started climbing as nearly vertically as one could conceive. Pushing its nose upwards, it seemed to hang on to its propeller, and when its pilot began to do loops and turns it darted about with the ease and speed of an insect rather than of a bird. But though built solely as an engine of destruction, Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Salmond declares that its production has advanced the progress of aviation to a degree that cannot yet be measured.

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**STOLEN BROOCH.**

JAIL FOR MAN WHO PAWNED IT.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, a Chinese was charged with having received a gold brooch, the property of Mr. Suffiad clerk to the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court, knowing or having cause to know that it was stolen property, also with having attempted to pawn the ornament.

Mr. Suffiad said that last week he engaged the accused as cook to prepare a special Chinese dinner for his birthday party. The accused did not come to the house himself, but sent two of his *foks*. During the party, continued Mr. Suffiad, his little granddaughter lost a brooch. The whole house was searched but without success, and the offer to the servants of a reward of \$2 for its recovery notwithstanding, nothing more was seen or heard of the brooch. Yesterday afternoon the accused was seen by Sgt. Ingham attempting to pawn the brooch. The accused said that one of his *foks* found the brooch in the kitchen and gave it to him as security for a loan. The Magistrate passed sentence of six weeks on the first charge and a fine of \$50 or four weeks hard labour on the other.

**TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the CHAMBER will be held in the CHAMBER ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDINGS, 3, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, on TUESDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1921, at 4 p.m.

**BUSINESS:**  
(1) To consider and, if approved, to adopt a Local Standard Form of "Fancy" Piece Goods Contract.  
(2) To consider a proposal to raise Members' Subscriptions from \$60 and \$25 per annum to \$200 and \$100 per annum respectively, payable quarterly.  
(3) To consider any other matter which may properly be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

THE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER CHAMBERS IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

By Order,  
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
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Hongkong, August 18, 1921.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED) ON

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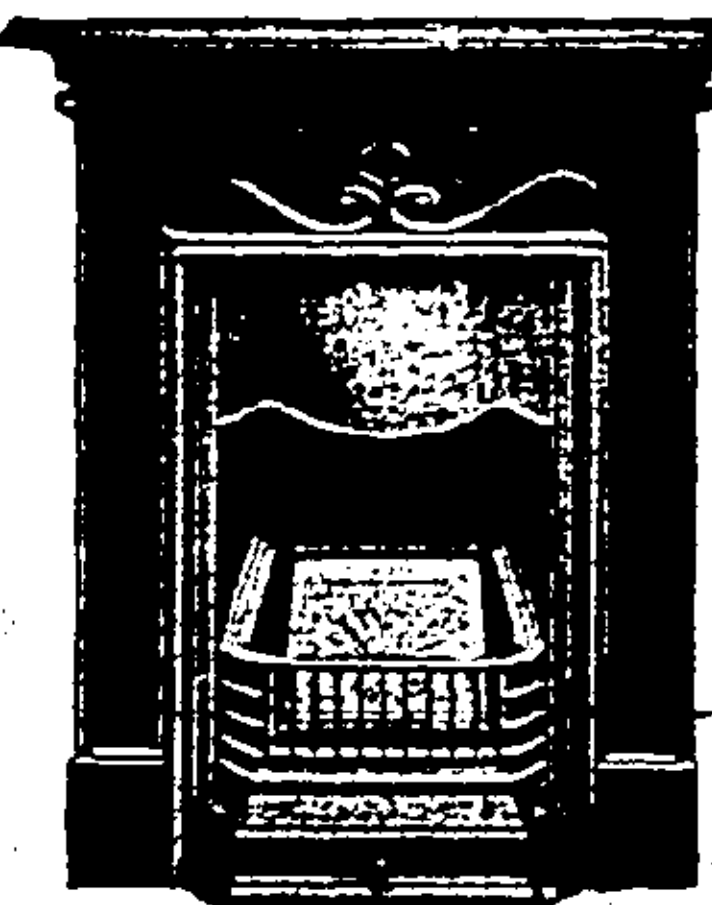
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# THE CHINA MAIL.

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#### TAKING BLOWS LIKE A STONE WALL.

[Mr. Jeffery Farnol, a well-known English author, who began life as a boxer, was specially commissioned by *The Daily Mail* to go to the United States for the purpose of describing the great fight between Dempsey, the champion of the world and Carpentier, the champion of Europe. In the following cablegram, written immediately after the American boxer's victory, he gives a wordpicture which, we think, will enable our readers to visualise very clearly one of the greatest scenes in the annals of the ring.]

We arrived in good time at the place of the combat, a huge circular wooden structure rising tier on tier, a very wilderness of seats, sparsely filled as yet.

Being ushered forthwith into my place, I had ample leisure to look round upon this amphitheatre of thousands of spectators. And ever they came, a straw hat multitude from all quarters, pouring down the broad aisles, a cheery genial multitude agog with expectation. It was a close and sultry day, although the sky was dark with heavy clouds, pierced here and there by a copper glow. But beneath this lowering canopy all was stir and bustle—voices, laughter, shouted greetings, the tread of countless feet; an indescribable sound made up of many sounds and pierced ever and anon by the loud cries of those who vended sandwiches, ginger ale and the ubiquitous peanut; while a band, blessedly remote, blared forth music.

Moment by moment the throng increased an unending procession, and always it seemed the day grew hotter, until the stifling discomfort was relieved by a few drops of rain accompanied by a breath of cool wind.

#### SEA OF FACES.

##### TIER UPON TIER TO A LOFTY SKYLINE.

There had been rumours of trouble owing to forged tickets, but never have I seen a more orderly, better tempered crowd, nor one so vast. Nor could these perspiring thousands have been handled better even by our own police.

Still, one was necessarily subjected to some discomfort; myself particularly so, on account of such as came later than I, these being for the most part very large phlegmatic men, short of wind and shorter of manners, who thrust themselves past and over me at unpleasantly frequent intervals.

However, these having jostled themselves into their places and being securely wedged while they regaled upon divers viands and such strange fluids out of bottles by means of straws, I take occasion to stand upon my chair and look about me. And here is a sight to be remembered, for the huge amphitheatre is filled at last, or nearly so.

Faces! a dense, ever-stirring mass, pinkly nebulous; a sea of faces, spreading from the ring-side up and up, tier on tier, to the lofty skyline: a troubled sea, rippling with constant motion and murmurous with vague clamour. I stood awed by this stupendous spectacle.

Suddenly the clamour subsided as into the ring stepped the Announcer, furnished with the megaphone which either through excitement or lack of knowledge he managed so ill that his naturally hoarse voice sounded hoarser and more muffled than Nature had made it.

Preliminary competitions were introduced and bout followed bout to the accompaniment of shouts and cheers though it was evident that the great concourse was impatient for the star turn and eager for the moment when the two proved champions should face each other.

#### ROAR OF CHEERS.

So the multitude watched and cheered and sweltered in the heat while aeroplanes swooped, circled, and the preliminary bouts were fought through. Then shouts and up and died away as forth stood the Announcer, faithfully clutching the microphone of his megaphone, and began forthwith to bellow more ruffled incoherencies.

He paused suddenly to point with extended arm, when up rose a murmur

that swelled to a shout—a very roar of welcome—as into the fateful ring surrounded by his backers and satellites, stepped Georges Carpentier. Truly a proud moment this for any man to behold this tempest of waving straw hats flourishing in his honour to hear his name roared by a hundred thousand throats; and I watched Carpentier as he stood wrapped in his dressing gown bowing to the universal acclaim, his face as pale and serene, his smile as placidly assured, as it had been in the quiet of the Manhattan farmhouse.

Scarcely had he taken his corner when Dempsey appeared, looming bigger and bulkier even than when he had shaken my hand at his training quarters and told me he was fond of books. His appearance was greeted by cheers, it is true, but nothing like the wild ovation accorded to his rival.

Hardly was he seated when Dempsey appeared at his elbow full of smiles and chat, yet very quiet and keen to watch each fold of the tape about Dempsey's powerful fist.

I remarked how the two antagonists smiled and gripped each other's hands, with what a kindly, assured air Carpentier parted the champion's mighty shoulder.

And now I, in common with all other ordinary beings, felt to a state of nerve-racking tension; sweating, shortbreathed, fighting suspense. A man laughed high and shrill, somebody whistled, but for the most part it was a dull, uneasy murmuring. With due care and deliberation the gloves were drawn on and secured, seconds and satellites vanished from the ring, and there fell a silence, strange stillness, a hush of breathless expectancy wherein the eyes of some 90,000 spectators focussed themselves upon these two men.

And now it seemed to me that Dempsey, with his great bulk and height, had much the semblance of a lion; while Carpentier, all slender of grace, possessed the light suppleness of a panther.

Then the bell clanged. The two sprang together, and the stamp of their feet woke pandemonium, for the first round of the great fight had begun.

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##### DESPERATE COURAGE AGAINST GREAT ODDS.

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Suddenly they broke free, and I saw Carpentier bruised and battered, his nose split, his face spattered with blood. Stopping, he swung a right to Dempsey's head and there caused a flurry of hard-smitten blows; but whereas Dempsey seemed as strong as ever, Carpentier was evidently weakened.

Fighting desperately, he was forced to the ropes, and there tried to cover up against the fury of Dempsey's attack, and, finding this vain, clinched.

As they were parted he slipped and fell across the second rope of the ring, where, upon his opponent promptly stepped back, and Carpentier, springing to his feet, was fighting with desperate courage as the gong sounded.

And thus ended Round One, much in Dempsey's favour; and I saw the truth of the saying that a clever

little one, however courageous, may never conquer a clever big man who is equally courageous.

I sat staring at Dempsey's broad back glittering with water from the sponge; I heard people shouting to another; I was aware of others questioning me, but I paid scant heed, being amazed that a man so big and strong as Dempsey could be so amazingly quick, and wondering how long Carpentier could possibly last—this same graceful, gentlemanly Carpentier, who had been so sublimely confident in himself and his destiny—and then the bell clanged for the second round.

Dempsey advanced low, his stooped head swaying, his left shoulder drawn up to protect his jaw from Carpentier's avenging right. Thus he dogged his opponent round the ring, wary and watchful for an opening but Carpentier was as cautious.

Carpentier retreated, poised on his toes, his left arm extended and his right hand drawn back ready to strike. Suddenly, in he sprang, with a stabbing left to the chin and a heavy right to the head; but Dempsey scarcely heeded, and followed steadily in relentless pursuit.

Again Carpentier flashed in with a left hook and was out again, exhibiting such footwork as was a joy to behold, and once again the air rang with an ecstatic hubbub.

For a while Carpentier kept away—and small wonder, for that smashing blow had injured his wrist and broken his thumb though this was not known until long after the fight was ended.

Followed a clinch wherein the champion once again proved he was Carpentier's master, at in fighting he pounded him severely before the referee ordered them to "break away!"

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## FALSE GODS!

### STREET UNION SCHEME FOR MORAL IMPROVEMENT.

Some time ago, *The N.C.D. News* published a protest uttered by certain among Shanghai Street Union members against practices in music and superstition indulged in by the common people, the efficacy of which practices was out of all proportion to the expense involved: in short, the whole procedure being a distressful waste of light-weight copper coin. Now it appears the Reformers have returned to the subject, and the other day the *Sinwampao* printed an appeal addressed to the Commissioner of Police on the subject. A translation of the letter reads—

OPENINGS FOR THE UNSCRUPULOUS. "In China, the people believe in a number of evil practices, such as the worship of false gods, the burning of incense in temples, the holding of religious services in the interests of evil spirits and the offering of sacrifices thereto, and the carrying of idols in street processions. These practices are the outcome of a low standard of morality. The persons who take part in them are mostly illiterate, and the money they spend on these occasions is simply wasted. The only effect is to get themselves ridiculed by the foreigners, and truly nothing could be more disastrous! Furthermore, these practices give opportunity to the unscrupulous to collect subscriptions not infrequently devoted to purposes other than those originally alleged; and besides, these ceremonies lead to the gathering of disorderly crowds, wherein may be found a sprinkling of thieves and adulterers and so it is the moral standard of the people is lowered. If no steps are taken to abolish these superstitious practices, how can the morals of the people be improved? Of a truth, these practices are more calamitous than floods, and whilst they continue, the degeneration of the country goes on apace. It pains us to write these words."

THAT BLESSED WORD MEETING. In its conclusion, the letter suggests that some special steps may be taken to prevent the evils complained of, and it is suggested that the Commissioner should begin by "holding a meeting." Where, and with whom is not stated. Possibly the petitioners dream of a happy conclave of Street Unions under the presidency of Mr. McEuen—which in the words of Mr. Salween, would be "rather a good idea," especially when the temperature makes people gasp for cold drinks and light comedy.

THE small clever man, and Champion Jack Dempsey is champion still. And now, with fresh laurels on his somewhat battered brow, the champion turned to meet the adulation of the multitude. The ring was thronged with those eager to congratulate him, but I (standing upon my chair and none poor to pull me down) or remonstrance, since all did the same, perched thus strove vainly to catch some glimpse of the fallen man, nor did I relax my efforts until at last I beheld him on his feet, though still groggy, doing his best to smile and be congratulated by his conqueror, which is one of the rules of the game.

And presently the great crowds began to melt and vanish as do all crowds, soon or late. And I, being seated once more, convulsed my chair and none poor to pull me down) or remonstrance, since all did the same, perched thus strove vainly to catch some glimpse of the fallen man, nor did I relax my efforts until at last I beheld him on his feet, though still groggy, doing his best to smile and be congratulated by his conqueror, which is one of the rules of the game.

Thus have I tried to picture this wonderful scene, one I shall never forget, and tried to describe this fight as truly and faithfully as I may. If any should wonder why Carpentier lasted no longer than the fourth round I would say that in my humble opinion his mistake was in the first round when, instead of following his usual tactics of "hit and away," he closed with a man who is his master at in fighting. Had he, on the contrary, boxed at long range, trusting to his judgment of time and pace, there might have been a different tale to tell.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

### FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER

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Gouda (Full Cream)	\$1.25 per lb.
Australian Cheddar	1.00 "
Picnic (own make)	.50 a Jar.
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Fillet	\$ .80 per lb.
Haddock	.70 "
Kippers	.60 "
Red Herrings	.30 "

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## SHIPPING.

### Fiasco of Nationalised Shipping.

#### COLOSSAL FRENCH AND U.S. LOSSES.

Outstanding claims against the United States Shipping Board amount to \$55,000,000, states Mr. Albert Lasker, the board's head, who puts the monthly working loss of the nationally-owned fleet at nearly \$4,000,000. A report in the name of the Mercantile Marine Commission of the Chamber of Deputies estimates a deficit of 1,500,000,000 francs on the operation and sale of France's state-owned fleet. "This is the price of nationalisation," was the comment made by a well-known shipowner when these reports were shown to him. "Staggering as these figures are, they are not the whole story. Not so long ago Admiral Moron, when he was head of the United States Shipping Board, obtained 34,000,000 dollars from the Senate to cover working losses of the fleet to July 1st. Then, early in June, he was granted another 75,000,000 dollars to meet the deficiency on the next fiscal year. "In a word, a great national mercantile marine has shown itself hopelessly incapable of supporting itself. It can only be maintained out of the pocket of the taxpayer. That is only when one would expect, more perhaps than in the case of any other industry shipping is unsuited to the bungling control of the Government official. Broad questions of policy and the technicalities of ship-operation are alike too complex to be handled by the amateur. They demand years of experience and the efficiency which comes from the keenly competitive conditions under which private enterprise is carried on. Behind our personal experience we, in England, have accumulated traditions of centuries of overseas adventuring. The adventuring of individuals, that is—men who had to run their own risks and stand their own losses—Government Departments can be adventurous enough—with other people's money. Proof of the failure of a bureaucracy to control a mercantile marine can be found in the existence of the Jones Act, by which the United States endeavours to minimise the competition of foreign shipping with its own. A healthy industry needs no such artificial bolstering up. Our British shipping earned its position as the world's carrier on its own merits, by giving better services than its foreign rivals. It has never asked for Government subsidies or protection. It only wants, now as in the past, complete freedom from Government interference. Australia's nationally owned mercantile fleet is sometimes quoted as a successful experiment in this direction. What are the facts? Mr. Hughes was extremely fortunate in being allowed to acquire a number of vessels during the war at a time when the sale of British ships was, apart from this instance, prohibited. Many of these vessels never came near the war zone. They ran practically as neutrals and earned

the high freights then or to neutrals. So for a while a handsome profit was shown. With the resumption of more normal conditions and free play of competition the Commonwealth Government Line went the way of all concerns until now it seems likely that the fleet will be sold as the best means of minimising losses. But why trouble to add a word to the crushing criticism uttered by the head of the United States Shipping Board? It is hardly credible that anybody can honestly continue to believe in nationalisation in the face of such an indictment. America's shipping business to-day, he says, is the most colossal commercial wreck the world has ever seen, and the financial backing of the Government alone prevents it being the greatest bankruptcy ever recorded. Our British seamen graped the dangers of nationalisation at once, and turned down the suggestion in a ballot by a large majority. They have the sea-sense as the men of no other nation have it."

#### GENERAL NOTES.

The E. & A. s.s. "Victoria" will not sail for Australian ports until August 27.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has received advice that the s.s. "Empire State" is expected to arrive at Hongkong, about August 29. The above steamer will sail from Hongkong for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu at noon on September 3.

The profits of the O.S.K. for the year 1920 (over 1,65,000,000) were more than two hundred times those for the first year (1894) of the company's existence. The O.S.K. now operates 133 vessels with a total tonnage of more than 400,000.

Capt. Malcolm, of the Shanghai pilot service, has made an unexpected visit to Hongkong. Capt. Malcolm piloted the steamer "Porpoise" from Shanghai to Woosung and owing to rough weather, had to come on to Hongkong as a passenger. Capt. Malcolm went north again on the "Empress of Russia," yesterday.

The new shipbuilding programme of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will have been completed by June of next year. Two ocean-going cargo ships, three "near-sea" passenger and cargo ships, and three "near-sea" passenger ships, with a total tonnage of 36,000 tons are now under construction. Upon the completion of these vessels, the company will have ships of 446,000 tons in all.

In view of the considerable depression in the European trade last spring the Osaka Shosen Kaisha tied up the "Andesmaru" of 10,000 tons and one more large ship, in substitution for which middle-sized ships were run. Recently, however, there have been vigorous shipments of cereals from China, this phenomenon resulting in an advance in freight rates. Accordingly, the company has decided to put the "Andesmaru" into active service again.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.









